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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the non-final Office Action mailed March 24, 2004, in the above-captioned patent application. A shortened statutory period for reply was set to expire three months from the mailing date of the Office Action. Applicant hereby petitions for a onemonth extension of time, up to and including Monday, July 26, 2004, to file this response. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the amount of the extension fee to the deposit account of the undersigned, Deposit Account No. 23/2825. This response is thus timely filed.

Please enter the following amendments.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 20.